



Task Force Home Front visits Afghanistan

Col. Donald Drummer (right), 22nd Area Support Group commander, greets a village elder during a visit to the Bagram Parwan Provincial Reconstruction Team. For more about the Task Force Home Front team's visit, see page 4. (Photo courtesy of Task Force Home Front)

Community mourns loss of Soldier

22nd Area Support Group
Public Affairs Office

The Caserma Ederle community came together Thursday at the post chapel to mourn the loss of Staff Sgt. Michael Shafer.

Shafer, a member of Chosen Company, 2nd Battalion, 503d Infantry (Airborne), died in a firefight in Afghanistan July 25.

At the memorial service, Master Sgt. Jeremiah Inman, shared his memories of Shafer with the community saying, "Staff Sergeant Michael Schafer was a team leader in my company the year leading to the deployment in Afghanistan.

"Many things come to mind when thinking of him. He was always happy, even when miserable, and could always lighten a stressful situation and improve the lowest morale.

"He was a true warrior," Inman continued.

"He was fearless, loyal and he truly cared about his Soldiers.

"As we trained up before deployment, Schafer began to stand out," Inman said. "Sgt. 1st Class Beeson and I spoke of promotion but realized that he only had been a sergeant a few months – even though he led like a seasoned team leader."

"Before the deployment, Schafer went to the hospital for a hearing problem," Inman said. "He could have chosen to stay behind with no questions asked, but he chose to lead paratroopers as a squad leader. He never forgot fellow Soldiers Fletcher and Minucci who were killed in Iraq and their sacrifice.

"Schafer did not just exist, he lived life to the fullest – be it work or play. He died doing what he loved to do. I cannot think of anyone else more eager to go into a room and kill bad guys. That is the way he would want us to remember him."

The memories of Shafer's company commander, Capt. Robert Curtis, riveted his listeners during the memorial service.

"If you were to ask me right now what is a hero, I would tell you the story of Staff Sergeant Michael Schafer.

"It's 25 July 2005, and U.S. Special Forces located a Taliban stronghold in the Kandahar province of Afghanistan, but they needed support clearing the village.

"Staff Sergeant Schafer's platoon, was called in for the mission. When the Chosen Soldiers linked up with the Special Forces on the ground, the SF soldiers cordoned the village, and the second and third squads of 2nd platoon received the main effort mission.

"After entering to clear the village, first squad received contact in an orchard on the outskirts of the village. Movement was spotted near several buildings across a clearing,

ID card scanning to begin in Vicenza area

Office of the Provost Marshal
Press Release

Beginning this week people entering Caserma Ederle can expect to have their Installation Access Control System cards scanned as they enter many of the gates controlled by the 22nd Area Support Group.

Community members who's IACS cards have not been entered into the system will be advised that they need to go to the Central Inprocessing Facility and have their cards registered.

Effective Aug. 15, U.S. citizens entering the post who have not registered in IACS will be told to park their vehicles and go to the guard office where their identification will be entered in the computer to see if they are allowed to access the post.

However, this will not register their ID card in IACS – they will still have to go to the Central Inprocessing Facility and have their information registered in IACS.

Effective approximately Sept. 1, access to post is via IACS only. If the ID card is not registered in IACS, the community member will be denied access to post and have to contact someone who has sign-in privileges in order to enter post.

The IACS office is also issuing USAREUR installation passes for non-

American employees who may require access onto installations in Germany.

USAREUR installation passes for non-American employees will be issued on a voluntary basis using AE Form 190-16A, dated March 2005.

Non-American employees will be registered at the IACS office located in Bldg 4b. Department of Defense ID cardholders need to bring their current ID card. Soldiers and civilians who possess the first generation Common Access Card should check to see if the bar code on the back of their card is legible. If it cannot be scanned, the cardholder will have to get a new card made before registering in IACS.

The new CAC card is laminated on back and front. Installation pass holders will need their current pass and authorization from their sponsoring organization to register on a voluntary basis only. Access for retirees, former military members and others with some connection to the Army will be handled on a case-by-case basis at the IACS office. The summer months will see a transition period which there will be hands on checks, access rosters, and sign-in procedures continued along with IACS-controlled access.

For more information regarding IACS contact Laurel Lang at 634-8807 or Staff Sgt. Robert Word at 634-8521.



A Soldier pays his final respects to Staff Sgt. Michael Shafer during the memorial service held Thursday in the post chapel. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook staff)

and second and third squads moved across the courtyard to inspect.

"Schafer showed no hesitation as he led his team across the open area towards the buildings. They begin to clear each of the buildings, searching for enemy combatants and Schafer courageously led his men from the front, and demanded to take the risk of being the first man in his team through the door. As Schafer reached the foot of the door he called out, "On me!"

With just those two words and mere seconds of forming the stack, the Soldiers

of Schafer's team stood poised, without hesitation, ready to follow their team leader into the unknown. Staff Sergeant Schafer – my definition of a hero."

Schafer was born in Illinois and enlisted in the U.S. Army in January 1999. His first assignment was with the 1st Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He was reassigned to Caserma Ederle in September 2002. He is survived by his wife, Danielle Lynn Schafer, his parents, Mark Schafer and Karen Barr, two brothers and a sister.

How are we doing?

July force protection, safety news

Office of the Provost Marshal
22nd Area Support Group

The Provost Marshal's Office reminds the community that Gate #1 (Aldo Moro gate) is strictly for vehicular traffic only. This rule will be strictly enforced.

Pedestrian or bicycle traffic is not allowed to enter or exit the installation via this gate.

Pedestrian traffic and bicycle traffic may enter or exit through Gate #2 (Viale della Pace) or Gate 4B (5:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Monday – Friday).

Failure to obey posted traffic devices continues to be a problem on the installation. People are required to obey all traffic devices and posted speed signs.

Driving on the installation and in Italy is a privilege, not a right. The Military Police will continue to strictly enforce the traffic regulations. Violators will be issued a citation.

The Provost Marshal's Office will hold an organizational day Aug. 19 for all PMO employees. Vehicle registration office, Pass

and IACO office, Physical Security office, Military Police Investigations office, and the Operations section will be closed Aug. 19.

The Military Police Desk will continue with 24 hour operations.

Please adjust your schedule if you need to conduct business with one of these sections Aug. 19.

Tickets issued during July 2005

Speeding: 6

Parking: 20

Misc. moving: 4

Failure to comply with stop sign: 5

Seatbelt violations: 3

Incidents reported during July 2005

Traffic Accidents = 17

Involving injuries = 2)

Drunk Driving = 1

Involving accidents= 1

Drunk & Disorderly Conduct = 3

Assaults = 2

Domestic Disturbances = 1

Lost ID Cards = 22 (Repeat Offenders= 2)

SETAF recognizes Embassy Minister-Counselor

22nd Area Support Group
Public Affairs Office

Deputy Chief of Mission Minister-Counselor Emil M. Skodon received the Outstanding Civilian Service medal for exceptionally distinguished service to the Soldiers and families of the United States Army, Europe, and Seventh Army during the period June 2001 to June 2005.

Skodon played a critical role in securing and maintaining the Italian government support for U.S. Army deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan from our bases in Italy.

As a result of his personal diplomacy with key Italian government officials, and his keen understanding of the U.S. Army's military deployment requirements for both OIF and OEF deployments, the Army was able to

successfully meet the enormous transportation infrastructure and security support requirements.



Col. Mark Oswald (left), Staff Judge Advocate, gives a plaque for Outstanding Civilian Service to Emil Skodon, Deputy Chief of Mission Minister-Counselor for the American Embassy in Italy. (Photo courtesy of Col. Eli Rosner)

Community

Action Council

This forum is to discuss issues that affect the community.

If you have an issue that you wish to submit, visit the 22nd Area Support Group Web site at www.22asg.vicenza.army.mil and click on the Community Action Council link.

This link provides you the opportunity to review issues that have been previously submitted and responded to by post agencies. There is also a form available for you to submit any new issue you would like addressed. If you have questions, call 634-5222 or 0444-71-5222 from off post.

The command encourages you to identify yourself when submitting a CAC issue in order to be able to answer your concern directly.

Childcare is offered during the CAC at \$2.50 per hour, per child for children ages 6 weeks through kindergarten from 8:45-11:15 a.m. Preregistration is required. Children will be cared for in the Child Development Center, Building 395. Children must be registered with Child and Youth Services Central Registration.

Call 634-7219 or stop by their new location in the Davis Family Readiness Center.

The next CAC is Aug. 24 at 9 a.m. in the Ederle Theater.

Issue: *We have this nice new gym that has been built, but no childcare available.*

Most of us are living the single parent life right now as our spouses are deployed and can't always get our children into hourly care but would love to be able to work out. Some of the classes offered are evening classes and hourly childcare isn't available.

Is it possible to have short-term childcare available at the gym?

Response from Directorate of MWR:

Thank you for bringing this issue to our attention, and for giving us the opportunity to clarify what options for hourly care are available now and what options will become available soon.

In accordance with the IMA Memo dated 6 Apr 04, Subject: Physical Fitness Center Age Policy, fitness centers will not be used in lieu of a safe, certified childcare facility.

Also, please note that hourly care is currently available in the existing CDC. Space is limited, so parents are encouraged to plan ahead and take advantage of this option by calling the CDC at 634-7560, or off post at 0444-71-7560. Hourly care reservations are accepted up to two weeks in advance.

However, with the opening of the new Child Development Center soon, we do plan to expand hourly care availability. One of our first priorities will be to open an additional hourly care room in the CDC, and to reserve spaces in the mornings, with a two-hour time limit a day, specifically with single parents in mind.

Also, please take advantage of the CDC special openings offered the third Friday evening of each month and the first Saturday morning.

Reservations for the special openings are accepted at the Child and Youth Services Central Registration Office at 634-7219, off post at 0444-71-7219.

In addition, hourly care is available in the Family Child Care Program, and because arrangements are made directly with certified Family Child Care Providers who offer the care in their homes, the hours of availability can be more flexible than those offered at the CDC.

When God seems distant

The 22nd Area Support Group Chaplain's Family Life Office, in partnership with deployed SETAF and 173d Airborne Brigade chaplains, is writing a series of devotional articles based on the best-selling book, "A Purpose Driven Life," by Pastor Rick Warren.

The intent of these articles is to offer deployed Soldiers and their family members a devotional meditation which they can use for weekly discussion and to hopefully deepen their spiritual connection during the separation.

By Chaplain (Capt.) Buddy Hammil
14th Transportation Battalion

"The LORD has hidden himself from his people, but I trust him and place my hope in him."

—Isaiah 8:17 (Today's English Version)

In times of crisis, when everything is turned upside down; when you find yourself struggling with your faith and even your sanity; when God seems a million miles away; what do you do?

Remember, God is real, no matter how you feel.

"Friendships are often tested by separation and silence" says Rick Warren. (page 122).

Who knows that better than military personnel and their families? We often face long deployments separated from our loved ones, struggling to maintain communication in less than ideal circumstances.

Our relationship with God is no different. There will be times when we *feel* close to him. And there will be times when we *feel* far away. During those far away times, our faith is tested.

The Psalm writer, David, several times lamented God's apparent absence: "Lord,

why are you standing aloof and far away? Why do you hide when I need you the most? Why have you forsaken me? Why do you remain so distant? Why do you ignore my cries for help? Why have you abandoned me?" (Psalm 10:1; 22:1; 43:2)

Even David struggled with this feeling that God was in hiding. David worried that God had left him.

David, who of all men, enjoyed a privileged position as friend of God, still struggled with this *feeling*. God took pleasure in calling David "a man after my own heart." (1 Samuel 13:14)

God has promised us repeatedly, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." (Deuteronomy 31:8; Psalm 37:28; John 14:16-18; Hebrews 13:5)

But God has not promised "you will always *feel* my presence."

Rather, God admits that sometimes he hides his face from us: "*The LORD has hidden himself from his people, but I trust him and place my hope in him.*" (Isaiah 8:17)

This is a normal part of the testing and maturing of your relationship with God. All believers will experience this testing, and normally more than once.

It is painful and disconcerting, Pastor Warren admits, but it is absolutely vital for the development of your faith. (page 124)

We must take God at his word. When the *feelings* of abandonment come, and they will, then fight them with the *facts*.

God promises us in his word, the Bible, to never leave us. Know that he is there even when you don't *feel* him.

Turn to the pages of David's angst and realize that God never left David, no matter how bad David felt.

Realize that God does not leave you either. Always remember, God is real, no matter how you feel.

For information on certified providers, call the CYS Central Registration Office at 634-7219 or the FCC Director's Office at 634-7615.

Lastly, another option for hourly care is the CYS Babysitter Referral List, also obtainable from the CYS Central Registration Office at 634-7219.

Issue: *I am a regular patron of AAFES. During the two years I have been here, I have experienced being asked for my ID card at the shoppette, commissary, and the Power Zone, while the patron ahead of me was never asked for theirs.*

When the cashier has asked for my ID card at the beginning of my purchase I tell them politely, "No, you didn't ask for the person ahead of me and I believe it is your policy of 100 percent ID check."

At that time the cashier just goes about her business ringing up my purchases without further question. When this happens I bring it to the attention of the manager on duty.

Now I am really fed up because now that the PX has gone to not asking for ID cards at the entrance, it seems as if the cashiers are now picking and choosing what customers they ID.

Response from AAFES: Vicenza Main Exchange acknowledges that, in the past, we have been remiss in consistently complying with a 100 percent ID check at our registers.

This oversight has been partially because we had an ID checker at the front of the main exchange. However, since May, we no longer check IDs at the door, and the clerks at the cash registers are to perform a 100 percent ID check.

Training has been provided and reviews are conducted regularly to ensure full adherence. This new policy should alleviate concerns with this issue in the future.

We apologize for the inconsistency and appreciate your support through this transition.

Issue: *My husband and I were very disappointed to learn that the Hawaiian Hut staff was been given notice to close.*

The staff there are friendly, customer oriented and excellent cooks. The supervisor prepares low carb, nutritious, healthy, delicious, fresh home cooked meals.

The presentation of the food is unlike any other AAFES establishment on Caserma Ederle, as it is not fast food or a chain restaurant.

My husband spoke with an AAFES representative. He was informed that the reason for the closure was not open to public disclosure.

We also know that the convenience has been appreciated by the Vicenza teachers of the community.

Response from AAFES: The Hawaiian Hut is not going away. The healthy food alternative is here to stay.

There will, however, be a break in service which we hope to make as short as possible because we are changing contractors.

The present contractor was given a contractual month's notice to cease business with AAFES.

The termination was effective June 16 so the school teachers, and others who eat there would not be affected.

We cannot divulge the reasons for termination because it violates the privacy of the current contractor.

With the new school year we will have the same pleasant environment with additional improvements. We assure you that the healthy food and friendly atmosphere is part of the package deal for the new Hawaiian Hut contactor.

Make right choices for a safer community

By Maj. Gen. David Zabecki
SETAF Rear Detachment
Commander

This summer will end soon and when looking at our safety records for the last year, we are doing a good job in some areas, but there is always room for improvement. Our community's mission now is to keep doing what we are doing right and fix our safety practices where needed for the rest of the summer and beyond.

Our greatest safety area needing improvement is in transportation, whether commuting to and from Caserma Ederle, driving around the installation or in the Villaggio area. Most accidents can be avoided simply by vehicle drivers, bikers, and pedestrians changing driving habits and making the right choices.

When leaving Caserma Ederle by Gate 1, you may note our running total of traffic accidents and DUIs (driving under the influence). Our shared mission should be to freeze the numbers where they stand and not add another accident or DUI to the grand total.

Our DUI violations have decreased since last year, but one DUI is one too many and like many vehicle accidents, a DUI is an avoidable occurrence. It does not have to happen. The designated driver program is a solid program when used. An impaired driver behind the wheel risks his life, the lives of his passengers, and members of our community.

Our Safety Office recently ran a nine-day seat belt check at Gate 1, monitoring both civilian and military use of seat belts as they were leaving Caserma Ederle.

The good news: most military and civilian drivers were wearing their seatbelts. However, some passengers were discovered not using seatbelts and in one vehicle, the children in the back seat were not wearing seatbelts.

The important point here is that the driver of the vehicle, what Soldiers call the

"vehicle commander," is the person in charge of the vehicle and is responsible for ensuring every person is belted.

This is especially critical for children riding in the back seat. Few vehicles include airbags for back seat passengers and a child not wearing a seatbelt is launched violently forward during a crash.

The bottom line: seatbelts save lives and it takes only a few seconds for a driver to make sure everyone in the car is adequately protected.

Pedestrians and bicyclists are still trying to gain entry through Gate 1. Walkers and

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—Maj. Gen. David Zabecki

bicyclists cannot use this gate and we are making sure this long-standing policy is rigidly enforced. With the vehicle traffic and no sidewalk or bike path, Via Aldo Moro can be dangerous for bicyclists and walkers.

Furthermore, it is a violation of Italian law to ride a bicycle or walk on or along Via Aldo Moro.

In the near future, we plan to provide a better access for bicyclists at one of our other gates and walkers already have the gate on Vialle Delle Pace.

With a large number of our forces deployed, it seems we still have a traffic congestion problem. Before getting behind the wheel, consider if walking or bicycling is a better way to go to do your daily errands. Your trip can take twice as long as walking because you cannot find a parking spot when you actually did not need to drive in the first place.

A bicycle is a good way to go. You will not have to worry about a parking space, but there are some safety concerns here as well. Bicyclists need to wear the right helmet and adhere to the same traffic rules as a vehicle. You need to stop at stop signs and riding on the sidewalk only makes it more difficult for the pedestrians.

In addition, as we transition into the fall, the daylight hours will change, so buy your headlights and taillights now. You want to be seen, and Italian law mandates their use in periods of darkness or reduced visibility.

Some other simple habit changes can have a huge effect and make Caserma Ederle a safer environment for everyone.

- ◆ Drive the speed limit. The 30-kmh sign is not a suggestion.

- ◆ Take the Vicenza bus. It's a good system and bus Line 1 drops riders right at the gate on Vialle Della Pace.

- ◆ Drive on the right side of the road. Do not drive the wrong way down a one-way street just to save a couple of hundred meters.

- ◆ The stop sign means stop; and stop before the pedestrian crosswalk. Pedestrians have the right of way.

- ◆ Do not park illegally to load groceries or drop something off.

- ◆ Do not walk in the middle of the street, simply because the pedestrian crosswalks have not been repainted yet.

- ◆ Do not use a cell phone while driving a car or riding a bike. Italian law requires the use of a "hands free" device while driving and using a cell phone. Sometimes even walkers step out in traffic while distracted by talking on their phone.

Our community has not suffered a death attributed to an off duty or on duty accident in the last two years.

We have recorded some injuries, but many injuries go unreported to the chain of command. Individuals and units may believe reporting accidents will have a negative impact or make their unit look bad.



Maj. Gen. David Zabecki

Accident safety reports are required to help prevent future accidents and are never used for punitive actions.

For us to change our habits we also need leaders to do better reporting, to help the Safety Office assess accident trends, and determine what improved safety practices need to be put in place or what better safety education needs to be offered.

A vehicle accident may not be your fault, but you may have made choices to keep the injuries and damage to a minimum.

A motorcyclist may choose not to wear a helmet or a car driver may choose not to wear a seatbelt. Both have decided to decrease their survivability in a crash.

The driver under the influence and behind the wheel has decided to risk his own life and the lives of others in our community.

These are all examples of unacceptable behavior.

I ask both military and civilian leaders to take the time to pass on good safety habits and educate where determined necessary to teach proper safety procedures with those who work for you.

I ask you to look at your own habits and see how you can improve the choices you make, for the safety of yourself, your family and friends, and for our community.

Don't let sleep deprivation keep you from achieving mission success

By James Adams

22nd Area Support Group Safety officer

Like food, water, and air – sleep is a necessity. When Soldiers don't get enough sleep, performance suffers and everyone is put at risk. The effects of sleep deprivation will sneak up on us. When Soldiers don't get enough sleep, the ability to judge the impact

that sleep deprivation has on their abilities is diminished and performance decreases.

Sleep deprivations may lead to:

- Falling asleep at the wheel causing a vehicle accident/roll-over;
- Failing to recognize a threat or reacting too slowly to it; or
- Transposing digits while entering coordinates into a fire-control system.

A sleep deprived Soldier may make bad tactical decisions.

The bottom line: Sleep-deprivation can get Soldiers killed!

Sleep Deprivation and Performance

The longer Soldiers go without sleep, the poorer their performance on any number of tasks.

In general, a person can sustain normal performance without noticeable impairment for about 16 hours after waking up. After 16 hours without sleep, there is a noticeable decrease in performance.

After being awake for 24 hours, the reaction time is worse than being legally intoxicated.

After 28 hours without sleep, performance becomes significantly impaired with the likelihood of critical errors rising to an unacceptable level.

Sleep Management

To sustain performance over the long haul, Soldiers need at least six and preferably seven to eight hours of sleep out of every 24.

Soldier performance will degrade over time with less sleep than six hours.

Getting four to six hours of sleep every 24 hours will keep Soldiers in the Amber zone (where the risk for mission critical errors is increased but still at acceptable levels) for periods of up to several weeks.

Getting less than four hours of sleep will keep Soldiers in the Red Zone (where the risk for mission critical errors is unacceptably high).



Sleep doesn't have to be continuous. It is preferred that Soldiers have uninterrupted sleep time; however, several shorter sleep periods that add up to six to eight hours will likely be adequate.

Tips for Sleep Management

Tips for Soldiers:

- ◆ Don't sleep in areas where there is regular activity.

- ◆ When sleeping, minimize exposure to noise and light – wear ear plugs and use blackout shades.

- ◆ Avoid over-the-counter "sleep aids," which cause grogginess not actual sleep.

- ◆ Sleep whenever possible – even a little sleep is better than none. Several "catnaps" can add up quickly.

Tips for Leaders:

- ◆ Develop a unit sleep management program that gives Soldiers at least six and preferably seven to eight hours to sleep out of every 24.

- ◆ Soldiers trying to sleep during the day require longer (or more frequent) opportunities to sleep to compensate for the body's normal reaction to sleep cycle disruption.

- ◆ Never put Soldiers in a position where they must choose between sleep and something else they would enjoy.

- ◆ Arrange sleep schedules that give Soldiers opportunities to sleep at a consistent time.

If Sleep Loss Can't be Avoided:

- ◆ Use caffeine – drink the equivalent of two cups of coffee (~200 mg of caffeine) every two to four hours. Caffeine use as described above will help maintain performance even in the face of moderate sleep loss.

In combat this may be an acceptable risk but when not in combat situations proper rest is the answer to prevent accidents - not drinking coffee.

- ◆ Remember ... sleep is a necessity and your performance begins to suffer as soon as you start losing sleep.

- ◆ If you are struggling to stay awake, then your ability to function is already impaired.

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Task Force Home Front visits Afghanistan



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Public Affairs Office

Col. Donald Drummer, 22nd Area Support Group commander, along with several key members of his senior staff, paid a visit to Caserma Ederle Soldiers currently deployed to Afghanistan July 6-11.

The purpose of the visit was to gain an understanding of issues facing the troops and to see the environment within which the troops live and work; as well as to update Maj. Gen. Jason Kamiya, Combined Joint Task Force-76 commander, on issues facing the post during his deployment, according to Renee Citron, Interim Deputy Garrison commander.

Among the issues addressed was to personally assess the Soldier's perspective on how well the 22nd ASG staff is helping to support the families of the Soldiers and to determine if there are additional requirements that need to be met, she said.

Depending on what information is received from the Soldiers downrange and the family members behind, will help determine what Morale, Welfare and Recreational opportunities are offered, as well as what other community support is need to adequately support Soldier Rest and Recuperation, block leave and reintegration programs.

"This trip enabled us to make specific recommendations to our higher headquarters concerning program and service initiatives," said Citron. "Another issue is more subtle – in that we are now more educated as to how our Soldiers live and work downrange. We know from first hand experience what some of their issues are. This information will surely prove to be useful when planning programs as well as providing community support services for Soldiers during all phases of deployment."

Another member of the team, Kambiz Razzaghi, 22nd ASG Public Works director, was able to get more involved than other staff members.

"I speak the local Afghan language, so I was able to directly talk to many Afghan people of all ages – especially children and village elders who are the true centers of gravity in Afghan society and capture their unfiltered point of view," he said. "Through this communication, it became clear to me that our men and women in uniform are giving the greatest chance and opportunity to Afghanistan and Afghan people in their long and tortured history to build a free, democratic and prosperous society.

"At one point I talked to an elderly man who lost two sons in fighting against the Soviet forces in early 80s," said Razzaghi. "In response to my question of what he thinks of Americans, he responded, 'I do not care that they are not Muslims, if Allah (God) does not give them a place in paradise, then I will not believe him to be a just God.'"

For Razzaghi, seeing up-close and personal the level of sacrifice that the Soldiers do far away from Caserma Ederle, makes him far more emotionally attached to their families and loved ones that they have left behind in our care. "I will redouble my efforts to take care of their families during their absence and make a better and more welcoming post upon their safe return," he said.

Below right: Kambiz Razzaghi, 22nd ASG director of Public Works, speaks with children from a local village. Razzaghi speaks the local Afghani language, which enabled him to speak on a personal level to the children and village elders.

Below left: Maj. Gen. Jason Kamiya, CJTF-76 commander (seated left), and Col. Donald Drummer, sign "Vision 2020" during Task Force Home Front's visit to Afghanistan July 6-11. Vision 2020 details the proposed expansion of Caserma Ederle over the next decade.

Above: From left, Col. Donald Drummer, 22nd Area Support Group commander; Renee Citron, Interim Deputy Garrison commander; Annette Evans, acting director of MWR; Maj. Gen. Jason Kamiya, CJTF-76 commander; and Command Sgt. Maj. Iuniasolua Savusa, CJTF-76, take part in a briefing on issues affecting the Caserma Ederle community. The mission of Task Force Home Front was to gain an understanding of issues facing the deployed troops and to see the environment in which the Soldiers live and work.

Top right: Lt. Col. Timothy McGuire (far right), commander, 173d Airborne Brigade, talks with (from left) Phil Federle, 22nd ASG DPW engineer; CJTF-76 Command Sgt. Maj. Iuniasolua Savusa, and Col. Donald Drummer, 22nd ASG commander; about efforts of the 1st Battalion, 508th Infantry Brigade (Airborne) to bring stability to the Afghan people around Orgun-E Forward Operating Base.

Bottom right: The members of Task Force Home Front traveled by helicopter from Bagram to the forward operating bases in order to visit as many troops as possible and assess the Soldiers' perspectives on how well the 22nd ASG and support staff is taking care of the families back home.



Photos courtesy of Task Force Home Front.

Club Beyond takes a (beach) break

By Anna Vallery
Outlook summer hire

From July 9-14, a group of middle-schoolers from Vicenza met up with youth from different locations in Europe for the annual Club Beyond Middle School Beach Break. This year, 18 teens and leaders from Vicenza traveled to Camp Darby for fun and fellowship.

The Vicenza group began their trip before hitting Camp Darby by making a stop in Pisa. They toured the famous leaning tower, shopped a little, then stopped for lunch and *gelato*.

Upon arrival at camp, the teens were enthusiastically greeted by the work staff. The work staff was a group of volunteers flown in (this

year from Ohio) to run Beach Break. They took care of the food, the entertainment, the activities, and just about everything the campers needed.

The first day, the youth split up to go to their respective worship services. Afterwards they spent the day at the American Beach, playing games and just relaxing.

Day two found the teens at a water park where they had fun on the slides and in the wave pool. A game of "slip-n-slide soccer" got underway where the participants found themselves slipping and sliding their way along a wet plastic court, trying to pass the soccer ball for a goal.

One of the highlights of the trip came on the third day of Beach break when the group traveled to the Cinque Terre. The Cinque Terre is actually five towns connected by a small rail system and a walking path. It's also an Italian National Park and, in 1997, it became a United Nations Educational and Cultural Organization protected territory.

Not content to just hike or swim in the azure-colored sea, some groups went snorkeling. The Vicenza teens opted to go cliff diving, and finished off the day with a stroll along *via dell'amore*, which connects Riomaggiore to Manarola. The walk is short (about 30 minutes) and level, with fantastic scenery of the clear blue sea below.

At the end of the day, the teens got together in a big tent for Club activities. Every day, the Club Beyond band would have the lyrics for popular songs like, 'Brown Eyed



The Vicenza Club Beyond middle school group started off Beach Break with a stop at Pisa.



A girl jumps off the rocks into the blue waters of the Cinque Terre during Beach Break with Club Beyond.

Girl', 'The Reason', and others, on a big screen, which had the teens singing and dancing along.

Other activities included skits and Club ended with the spiritual talk of the day.

Each day the teens would discuss important points about God and faith.

"My favorite part of Beach Break was the Club activities," said Break participant Jocelyn Bright-Smith,

After Club was over everyone would join up in their small groups, a few people in one group with a specific leader they can talk to, for table time.

During table time the youth in the small groups talk with their leaders about what they learned in Club and any other questions they might have about their faith or about almost anything they were concerned about.

"I think I am a better person because of this trip," said John Canipe.

Club Beyond holds Beach Break every year for both middle school and high school youth. In addition, Club Beyond has trips and activities all year long for middle and high

school students – regardless of their religious affiliation.

For more information about Club Beyond and what the program offers, contact Gil Carter, Club Beyond director, at vicecb@yahoo.com, or 634-6546, or 348-821-3328.



Teens pull a friend through the water at the American Beach during a beach game at Club Beyond Beach Break. (Photos courtesy of Gil Carter, Club Beyond director)

Summer hire program presents opportunities for youth

Story and photos
By Katelyn O'Brien
Outlook Volunteer

This summer you might not see as many teenagers sitting around the pool and hanging out at the post exchange. This year, 100 Caserma Ederle and Camp Darby teens are getting paid for doing grounds maintenance and helping out in offices on the posts.

Summer Hire is a program where youth, ages 14-22, can experience what it is like to hold down a real job and earn some money at

the same time.

Participants are required to work 40 hours a week and are paid minimum wage - \$5.14 an hour. The program began June 27 and ends Aug. 5. The program is open to all family members of active duty and DOD civilians.

"The Summer Hire Program is a wonderful opportunity for the youth to gain knowledge of everyday work ethics and build experience for their future job pursuit," said Lori Barteau, whose son, Kenny, is in the program.

"I think that it is a fantastic program where teens are able to have a real life experience and learn skills while deciding whether they like that field or not," said Roberta Piscopo, Human Resources Specialist.

Offices the youth work in vary from Directorate of Public Works, the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, the Post Office, Outdoor Recreation, the Outlook newspaper, and more, said Brenda King, Summer Hire Program coordinator.

"We tried to match the likes and dislikes with what teens would have to do in the job," she said, explaining how they picked which jobs the applicants received.

There are 89 teenagers placed in the summer hire program in Vicenza and 11 in Livorno. Most of the employees enjoy their jobs, and also enjoy the experiences that come along

with them.

Nycole Norcross, a recent Vicenza High School graduate who works at Army Community Service, explained that her favorite thing about her job is getting to help all different types of people every day.

"I definitely have more respect for the people who work in this position, because there is so much work to be done and it can get very stressful," Norcross stated. "The job is also a great way to help me save up for college."

But it isn't easy money, because on a daily basis Norcross is responsible for directing calls to the appropriate parties, making copies, constructing packets and folders for people new to post, and checking mail. She calls herself "the go-fer."

Tommy Robertson, 14, a freshman at Vicenza High School, joked that he only likes his job because of the air-conditioning. He works at MWR marketing where he laminates and delivers flyers, posters, and magazines to different locations. He enjoys having an inside job. If he had any other job he would want to work in finance or at the bank.

Cory Garrett, also 14 years old, who works at the 509th Signal Battalion, talked about what he wanted to do with the money that he



A 509th Signal Battalion summer hire washes a window at his office. He said he's saving the money he earns as a summer hire toward the purchase of a motorcycle when he is older.

earned from the program.

"When I go back to the states, I plan on buying a motorcycle," he said, adding that he'd prefer to have an indoor job the next time, "with a secretary."

Brenda King's advice to next year's applicants is to start looking for Summer Hire information in late-March or early-April and apply as early as possible.

The Summer Hire information can be found at the Vicenza Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, located on Viale della Pace, or on the Web site: www.chrma.hqsareur.army.mil.



A summer hire for MWR Marketing helps distribute magazines and flyers to the community mail room.

Out & About



By Dorothy Spagnuolo

Upcoming concerts

Get your feet tapping to the Italian version of ‘Footloose,’ which will take place in the square located in front of Mount Berico’s church Thursday.

The cast consists of boys and girls from an Italian TV program ‘Amici,’ and the musical faithfully follows the footsteps of the movie.

This is a cheerful, funny, arobatic show that gathers spectacular dances and wonderful songs.

Other concerts scheduled at Monte Berico’s church are:

Sept. 4: Italian singer ‘Fiordaliso,’

Sept. 9: The group ‘Subsonica’

All concerts start at 9:30 p.m. Tickets available online from the website www.azalea.it or Radio Varsavia music store, downtown Vicenza.

The Summer Jamboree is underway in *Senigallia*, located on the Adriatic Riviera, groups include Danny and the Juniors, Marti Brom, Rip Carson, King Kukulele, Cari Lee and the Saddle Ites and Charlie Cannon.

The jamboree ends Friday. Full program and directions are available online at www.summerjamboree.com.

At the *Idroscalo*, Milan the ‘Rock In Idro 2005’ festival takes place Sept. 2-3.

The opening day live acts also include Offspring, Good Charlotte, The Hives and Turbonegro; the third will for sure turn into one of the most important punk live events in Italy – enjoy Fat Mike’s Nofx and Ska-P.

The opening act will include Me First and The Gimme Gimmes, Millencolin, Hepcat and others. Tickets are available online at www.ticketone.it.

Dinner under the stars

Join more than 400 people in the gardens of Villa Cordellina in the town of Montecchio Maggiore for dinner under the stars Thursday.

The dinner served will include an antipasto, cereal soup, baked egg plant, roast veal and beverages.

The cost for the dinner is 35 Euro and reservations can be made at the Italian Tourist offices located in *Piazza Matteotti* or *Piazza dei*

Signori in Vicenza, or in the town of Arcugnano at the restaurant Nogarazza by calling 0444-288-900.

An International triathlon and footrace

The International triathlon takes place in Venice Lido on Saturday and starts with a 1.5km swim along the beach.

The triathalon continues with a 40km bicycle race to Malamocco and back, then a 10km run.

The event starts at 12:45 p.m. Traffic will be diverted in the race area for the duration of the race. In the evening there is a prize ceremony with a pasta party.

The race is reserved for registered members of national sports associations.

Achensee foot race

Austria’s most scenic footrace, the *6th International Achenseelauf 2005* (Achensee Race 2005) takes place Sept. 4 at 10 a.m.

The distance of 23.2 km starts at Karwendel gondola and finishes at the bathing beach both located in town of Pertisau.

All participants who finish the race before 2 p.m. are listed in the official result list.

If you register before Aug. 21, the cost is 30 Euro. If you regester on the race day, the cost is 35 Euro.

For several years a group from SETAF has participated in this footrace with outstanding results.

For details contact Hussein Kara at 634-3919 or 340-819-5825.

Regatta near Venice

One of the lesser regattas of the Venetian season, the ‘*Regata di Pellestrina*’ is worth your time if you are in the area.

It takes place this Sunday on and around the island of Pellestrina.

This island with its narrow canals and houses painted in striking colors has been populated largely by carpenters and fishermen since ancient times.

The race, which starts at 4:30 p.m. can be seen in its entirety from the shore of the island.

Medieval times

Watch a tournament among

medieval knights while you are being served dinner.

The show, dinner and all beverages (without limit) are included in the admission ticket which costs 25 euro, children under 1,40 cm tall: 15 euro, children under 1 meter: free. Groups of twenty persons or more: 20 euro each.

During the months of July and August there are two shows a day: 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

Medieval Times is part of the CanevaWorld entertainment center. Booking before the show is mandatory and can be done by calling 0457 - 590 622, English is spoken.

CanevaWorld is located in the town *Lazise sul Garda* in the province of Verona. Web site: www.canevaworld.it for details.

As the above medieval event is in the evening, a visit to the water park, ‘AquaParadise,’ during the day is worth a visit. In addition to its many water attractions they have constructed a spewing volcano, an ancient lighthouse, an entire fishing village, all with white sand, palm trees, fierce sharks and ghost galleons.

Aqua Paradise is open everyday from 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Entrance fees are 18 Euro fpr those over 140 cm tall, 15 Euro those under 140 cm; and children under 100 cm in height enter free.

Check out the Web site www.aquaparadise.it for details.

Military tattoo

Edinburgh Military Tattoo 2005 celebrates The Royal Navy and commemorates the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar, featuring the Massed Bands of Her Majesty’s Royal Marines and the renowned Massed Pipes & Drums from Scotland the the Commonwealth.

The grand opening is Friday and ends on August 27.

Highlights will also include the Massed Highland Dancers, the King’s Guard from Norway, the haunting sound of the Lone Piper together with bands and acts from the United States and Russia, performed in the unique setting of the historic Edinburgh Castle.

Information is available online at www.edinburgh-tattoo.co.uk

Now Showing

Caserma Ederle Theater

Aug. 2	Monster-in-Law (PG 13)	5 p.m.
Aug. 3	Home on the Range (PG)	5 p.m.
	Kingdom of Heaven (R)	7 p.m.
Aug. 4	Unleased (R)	7 p.m.
Aug. 5	The Honeymooners (PG13)	7 p.m.
	Mr. and Mrs. Smith (PG 13)	10 p.m.
Aug. 6	Mr. and Mrs. Smith (PG13)	2 p.m.
	Mindhunters (R)	7 p.m.
Aug. 7	The Honeymooners (PG 13)	2 p.m.
	Mr. and Mrs. Smith (PG 13)	7 p.m.
Aug. 8	Closed	
Aug. 9	Star Wars III: Revenge of the Sith (PG 13)	7 p.m.
Camp Darby Theater		
Aug. 5	Ice Princess (G)	7 p.m.
July 30	House of Wax (R)	7 p.m.

Movie Synopsis

HOUSE OF WAX - *Elisha Cuthbert, Chad Michael Murray.* A group of friends on their way to a college football game falls prey to a pair of murderous brothers in an abandoned small town. They discover that the brothers have expanded upon the area’s main attraction.. the House of Wax, and created an entire town filled with the wax-coated corpses of unlucky visitors. Now the group must find a way out before they too become permanent exhibits in the House of Wax.

KINGDOM OF HEAVEN - *Orlando Bloom, Eva Green.* Balian is mourning the deaths of his wife and baby when his father arrives and asks him to join the Crusades in Jerusalem. Balian agrees, and embarks on the perilous journey. Along the way, he reveals his gifts of inherent goodness and fair treatment of all human beings. Upon reaching Jerusalem, a city where his meager beginnings no longer matter, Balian earns respect.

MONSTER-IN-LAW - *Jane Fonda, Jennifer Lopez.* Unlucky in love, beautiful ‘Charlie’ has finally met the man of her dreams, Dr. Kevin Fields. There’s just one problem - his mother Viola. Overbearing and controlling, not to mention volatile, she has recently been canned from her job as a star news anchor. Fearing she will lose her son’s affections as she has her career, Viola decides to break up the happy couple by becoming the world’s worst mother-in-law. Helping her with her crazy schemes is Viola’s long-time assistant, Ruby. The gloves come off when Charlie finally decides to fight back and it looks like Viola has finally met her match.

UNLEASHED - *Jet Li, Morgan Freeman.* Danny has been kept as a near prisoner by his “Uncle” Bart. since boyhood; trained to attack and, if necessary, kill. Danny knows little of life, except the brutal existence that Bart has so crudely and cruelly fashioned for him. But when Danny has a chance encounter with a soft-spoken blind piano tuner Sam, he senses true kindness and compassion for the first time.

THE HONEYMOONERS - Cedric the Entertainer, Mike Epps. New York City bus driver Ralph and his feisty wife Alice, struggle to make ends meet. Despite Ralph’s many get-rich-quick schemes/motivational speaker tape series, they’ve managed to save some money and, along with their best friends Ed and Trixie, they seem to have almost enough money for a down payment on a Brooklyn duplex. However, when Ralph decides to try to impress Alice by making up what he’s lost and augmenting their savings with another of his crazy schemes, he winds up losing all their money and his marriage to boot — and it takes all his determination and love for Alice to get things on track again.

MR & MRS SMITH - Angelina Jolie, Brad Pitt. John and Jane are an ordinary suburban couple with an ordinary, lifeless suburban marriage. But each of them has a secret – they are actually both legendary assassins working for competing organizations. When the truth comes out, John and Jane end up in each other’s cross-hairs.

STAR WARS: EPISODE III - REVENGE OF THE SITH *Ewan McGregor, Hayden Christensen.* Three years after the Battle of Geonosis, the Clone Wars are coming to a close. Obi-Wan Kenobi, now a general dispatched by the Republic to bring down remaining Separatists Count Dooku and General Grievous. And Chancellor Palpatine has become corrupt, proclaiming himself Emperor, and, with Anakin Skywalker’s help, begins to turn the Republic into the Galactic Empire. As Anakin ultimately becomes the evil we know as Darth Vader, Padme goes into hiding, and, at the end of one war, another conflict we know all too well is about to begin.

MINDHUNTERS - *Val Kilmer, LL Cool J.* On a remote island, the FBI has a training program for their psychological profiling division, called “Mindhunters”, used to track down serial killers. The training goes horribly wrong, however, when a group of seven young agents discover that one of them is a serial killer, and is setting about slaying the others. Can the few that are left figure out who the killer is in time?

Admission: Adults age 12 and over \$4, children \$2. The Ederle Theatre box office opens one hour prior to show time. Tickets to blockbuster shows are presold at Baskin Robbins.

Youth play, learn at Operation Purple Camp

Story and photos

By Chiara Mattiolo

Camp Darby Public Affairs

Operation Purple Camp Italia recently held two sessions at Camp Darby where middle and high school students were provided with a weeklong, all-expense-paid vacation.

Operation Purple Camp was programmed to foster healthy relationships and develop skills for coping with life's problems between participating youth in a safe and positive environment, according to Mel Pacheco, Director, Morale and Welfare, Area Support Team – Livorno.

The first group of campers arrived July 17 and bonded immediately, according to Sandy Hill, IMA-Europe Youth Services Program director. In fact, she said, at the end of their week, there were only two 'complaints.'

"This camp is awesome, only two negative points: the mosquitoes, and the fact that it [camp] is too short," said Kathryn, a 12-year-old camper.

The campers were kept busy with a variety of recreational programs – visits to the Cinque Terre, a Water Park, the American Beach and other places – as well as learning about various military equipment and team-building exercises.

"I think what I liked best was the Cinque Terre," said 12-year-old Amber who came from Lakenheath, England, to participate in the camp. "I loved the landscape, and the transparency of the water there was just fantastic."

One of the main attractions in the week was the Military Skill-a-Thon, an occasion for the children to get familiar with the military equipment that may be used by many of their parents.

"All of the units in Camp Darby came out to support this great program" Hill said.

"We got to see the military working dogs," said Brook, age 10, from Landstuhl, Germany. "It is impressive how they respond to the MP's commands."

Gen. B.B. Bell, U.S. Army Europe commander, surprised the campers with a visit July 22, talked to the children and answered many of their questions.

On their last day at camp, the children visited the leaning tower of Pisa, put on a camp show, and ended with a farewell party at the Teen Center.

"We had lots of fun, we got to play ping-pong, we danced, and we had the possibility to hook up with our deployed parents. I loved this camp, but now, I can't wait to see my family, this is my first time away from home and I am getting a little home sick," said 12-year-old Brandon, from Lakenheath, England.

Below: General B.B. Bell, U.S. Army Europe commander, and Sandy Hill, IMA-Europe Youth Services Program manager, admire the tiles painted by Operation Purple Camp children as a community service project.



Above: Two Operation Purple Campers learn how to carry their friend on a stretcher. The girls receive guidance from 1st Lt. Shane Eaton of the Livorno Health Clinic, who taught a basic first aid class.

Top: An Operation Purple Camp youth uses the computer in the Youth Services Teen Center to communicate with his dad who is deployed to Afghanistan.

Above: The campers participate in a teambuilding exercise. The campers were divided into six "family" groups according to age, sex, where they came from, and what branch of service their family was affiliated with.

